



Genealogy Friends News

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Upcoming Events

Saturday Seminars

Genealogy Friends sponsors free seminars the third Saturday of every month from 9:30 to Noon at the Gladys Harrington Library.

May 15, 2004 - Clare Molina will talk to us—"Internet Military Sources" and "How to Locate Military Records"

June 19, 2004 - "Beginning Genealogy" by Stella Fincher and "Cite Your Sources" by Weldon Fincher

July 17, 2004 - Barbara Coakley will talk to us about Immigration and Naturalization Records

August 21, 2004 - "Social History" by Lynne Darrouzet and "Creating An Ancestor" by Clare Molina

October 16, 2004 - Leo Baca will be returning to discuss DNA Research

November 20, 2004 - Learn to publish your genealogy finds on the Internet using Front Page - John Darrouzet

December 18, 2004 - Annual Show and Tell—Show off your findings

Gen Friends Presents John Humphrey

On Saturday, September 18, 2004, Genealogy Friends presents award-winning author, John T. Humphrey. John is the current president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society and vice president of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Mr. Humphrey's principal genealogical publication is the fourteen-volume set of Pennsylvania Births that list more than 170,000 birth in eleven eastern Pennsylvania counties prior to 1800. He has written other books and numerous articles, lectures widely on German and colonial research, and has appeared on national television and public radio. He was the former director of the National Genealogical Society Learning Center. Currently Mr. Humphrey is working on genealogical records created during World War II of interest to researchers in Germany and the United States. Topics will be:

Reconstructing Families on the Colonial Frontier - Records kept during the colonial period can be difficult to find or when they do exist, they are often incomplete causing serious obstacles to research. This lecture explores strategies to get around these obstacles by creatively using data found in the records that do exist.

Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors - If your ancestors are from the keystone state you need to know about Pennsylvania's deeds, warrants, patents, probate and vital records.

Researching German Ancestors: "The Agony and the Ecstasy" - This two hour introduction to German research explores obstacles like language and custom, and it looks at a variety of records kept by Germans both in the U.S. and Germany that will open the way to a rich source of research material.

Cost: Non-members before Sept 1, \$32, after Sept 1st, \$37 and Members \$25 Box Lunches from Jason's Deli will be available for purchase. They include a sandwich (turkey, ham, or roast beef), chips, a cookie, and a pickle. For more information contact Genealogy Friends at genfriends@comcast.net. Watch our web site for more information.

Genealogy Friends Logo Shirts

Be one of the best-dressed genealogists in town. Order your Gen Friends logo t-shirt or sweatshirt now. The shirts have a 3" logo printed on the left chest. Shirts are available in white, natural, or ash gray with a dark green logo.

T-shirts are \$12.00 for toddler through XL and \$14.00 for XXL and XXXL

Sweatshirts are \$17.00 for toddler through XL and \$19.00 for XXL and XXXL

Volunteer Activities

Library Volunteers

Our volunteers are in the library during the day on most days. Check out our web page and the bulletin board for the schedule of volunteers on duty; or call the Reference Desk to inquire 972-461-7175. If you would like to volunteer to work in the library, contact Pat Mitchell.

Volunteers Needed

We need several volunteers to help with all facets of Genealogy Friends activities and events. If you have a talent, extra energy, or are willing to help in any way, please contact us at genfriends@comcast.net. Current Opportunities Include:

- Help is needed to continue to index the 1930 Census for Collin County. The indexes are posted on our web site to enable researchers to more easily find their families. We will provide a CD containing the Census and the format for the Excel or Open Office Spreadsheet where the data is entered.
- Volunteers are needed for all facets of the Lock Ins including refreshments, manning stations, sharing information or experiences, and registration. If you can help contact Joyce Kaplan.
- If you would like to serve on a committee to improve our events, please contact Weldon Fincher.

Lock Ins & Board Meetings

Library Lock Ins - May 7, and October 29th.
Board Meetings will be March 16, and July 20th.
The Annual Meeting will be October 4th.

Publications For Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$40
Collin County, TX Voter Registration	
Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Military Investigations: Red, White	
& Blue	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal	\$10

Tracing Our Roots Column

The "Tracing Our Roots" column by Brenda Kellow appears in Plano Star Courier, Star Community Newspapers and DFW Community News weekly. The column and an archives of past columns are also available at <http://www.geocities.com/TracingOurRoots>.

Dues Are Due

It is time for us to pay our dues. Single: \$30. Family: \$50. Friend: \$100; Gold: \$500; Platinum: \$1000. We currently have over 70 members.

Please consider **matching funds** if your corporation is a participant. We are a nonprofit organization certified under Section 501 [c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code.

Web Sites For Irish Research

Your Irish roots

<http://www.irishabroad.com/yourroots/>

Home page for the above is: <http://www.irishabroad.com/>

Irish resources article from Ancestry.Com

http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/8301.asp?o_iid=831&o_lid=831

Ireland's History in Maps: History + geography + genealogy

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlkik/ihm/>

Irish Churches: researchers are able to view pictures of the churches attended by their ancestors. Can search by denomination and parish

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~irishchurches/Irish%20churches.html>

Old Ireland: Interesting, but not updated since 2000. Good site for Irish history

http://www.ireland.org/irl_hist/default.htm

A Chronology of Irish Events by year

http://www.rootsweb.com/~irltip2/time_line.htm

Links to many other websites about the Irish

<http://larkspirit.com/history/>

Irish Dance: Includes music to "The Parting of Friends"

<http://www.irelandseye.com/aarticles/culture/music/dance/hist.shtm>

Irish Recipes:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irllog/recipes/main.htm>

Distribution of Irish Surnames in 1890

<http://www.ancestryireland.com/databases/matheson/index.html>

Irish Music: Choice of several tunes available using Real Player

<http://www.comhaltas.com/index.htm>

Book Shops (Ireland)

Kennys Book Store:

<http://www.kennys.ie/Books/NewlyPublished/>

The Bookworm: Specializes in Tipperary

<http://www.bookworm.ie/>

Celtic Book Shop - Limerick

<http://www.iol.ie/~celticbk/>

Sources for genealogy and history of Ireland. Access to records such as *Officers of the Irish Militia 1849*, *Armagh Householders 1837*, *Original Planters in Munster, Ulster, Wexford 1585-1610*. Claims they have 107 Irish Databases and growing weekly.

<http://www.otherdays.com>

Membership required to access the databases with a special "Unlimited Access to all collections on our website for the entire 72-hour period" for \$8.00.

Genealogical information pages for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

National Library – Family History Research

<http://www.nli.ie/>

Ancestry. Com article about Irish National School Records with four website to search.

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/print/news/articles/6281.htm>

The Irish Genealogical Project embraces the whole of the island of Ireland, and is supported by Government agencies. Our partners in the project include the three most prestigious family history and genealogical research associations in Ireland : The Irish Family History Foundation, The Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland , and The Association of Ulster Genealogists and Record Agents

<http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/>

Another Ancestry.com article on Burial Records in Ireland before 1864. Some websites can be clocked on for further information

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/print/news/articles/6562.htm>

Thanks to Claire Molina for submitting these web sites.

Deaths of US Citizens In Foreign Countries

US Consular offices were to report deaths of US Citizens in their districts the State Department. For more information check out the web site of the National Archives Http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/research_topicsamerican_deaths_overseas.html

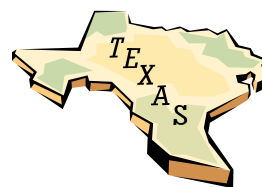
Collin County Sources at Harrington Library

The following sources for research on Collin County, Texas are available in the Genealogy Section of the Gladys Harrington Library. Thanks to Cheryl Smith for compiling this list:

- Abstract book A: records and bonds
- Addison quadrangle: Texas [map]
- African-Americans in the early records of Collin County, Texas
- Ancestors of the Collin County Genealogical Society members, vols. 1-3
- The Annals of Elder Horn
- A Brief history of Parker, Texas
- Cemeteries of Collin County, Texas
- Census population schedules, Texas 1850 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1860 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1870 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1880 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1900 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1910 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1920 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1930 [microform]
- Census population schedules, Texas 1930, CD2309 & CD2310 [electronic resource]
- Collin Chronicles [periodical] 1981-
- Collin County [map]
- Collin County Genealogical Society newsletter
- Collin County in pioneer times: selections from the George Pearis Brown Papers
- Collin County: Pioneering in north Texas
- Collin County records and information [Texana]
- Collin County, Texas' Commissioners Court, January, 1929 [Texana pictures]
- Collin County, Texas: earliest marriages, 1846-1858
- Collin County, Texas, 1850 census and mortality schedule
- Collin County, Texas, 1860 census
- Collin County (Texas) cemetery inscriptions, vol. 1-2
- Collin County, Texas, families
- Collin County, Texas 16th Texas Cavalry Regiment
- Collin County, Texas land titles
- Collin County, Texas [map]
- Collin County, Texas voter registration index, 1867
- Collin County tax rolls [microform], 1846-1920
- Collin County telephone directory, 2000
- Collin County voting precincts [map], 1996
- Commissioners Court minutes [microform]: Collin County, Texas, 4 reels, 1871-1889
- Continental Telephone Company of Texas: telephone directory, 1984
- Continental Telephone Company of Texas, 1976
- Cope family of Collin County, Texas: over 30 years in the county
- Day book of Henry Maxwell from 1853 to 1860: Collin County, Texas to Parker County
- Decatur-Maxwell-Murphy Cemetery: Murphy, Collin County, Texas
- Deed records [microform]: Collin County Texas, 33 rolls,
 - #1287050-1287072, 1288546-1288555
- The Democrat (McKinney newspaper), 1884-1890, 1890-1893, 1893-1896, 1896-1898, 1899-1902, 1902-1904, 1904-1906, 1906-1908
- The diary of Bert Nichols, 1895
- District Court civil minutes [microform]: Collin County Texas, 6 rolls,
 - #1289605-1289609
- Early Collin County, Texas roads: routes and builders
- Farmersville telephone directory, 1977
- First United Methodist Church of Plano records [microform], 4 rolls
- Frankford cemetery: January, 1989 directory
- Frisco quadrangle: Texas [map]
- Frisco the first 100 years [Texana]
- The G.P. Brown Papers: recollection of early settlers in the Collin County area compiled during the 1930's
- Garland quadrangle: Texas [map]
- Genealogical ancestor charts, A-L, vol.1 & 2, M-Z, vol. 1-2
- General highway map, Collin County, Texas [map]
- Grandpa and Grandma Howell
- Hear that lonesome whistle blow: the history of railroads and interurban in Collin County Texas
- Hebron quadrangle: Texas [map]
- Historic markers of Collin County, 1986
- Historic markers of Collin County, 1993
- Historic markers of Collin County, Texas 1997

Collin County Sources at Harrington Library, (continued)

- A History of Collin County, Texas by J. Lee Stambaugh
- A History of Collin County, Texas by Harold Beam
- The History of Frisco, 1902-1976
- The Hunter family of Collin County, Texas and related lines
- Index to Collin County, Texas original survey map
- Index to original marriage licenses on file at the Collin County Records Building,
- McKinney, Texas
- Information on Plano, Texas [Texana]
- Lavon quadrangle: Texas—Collin County [map]
- Lebanon on the Preston, a casual biography of a blackland village [Texana]
- Living in Murphy, Texas 1845-1945
- Living Legends honoring Gladys Harrington [videorecording]
- Lost, abandoned, family and small community cemeteries
- Map of Collin County [map], 1982, 1994
- Marriage records [microform]: Collin County, Texas, 12 rolls, #1289592-1289603
- Marriages, Collin County, Texas, vol. 1-3
- McKinney East quadrangle: Texas—Collin County [map], 1960, 1973
- The McKinney Telephone directory, 1998-1999
- McKinney West quadrangle: Texas—Collin County [map], 1960, 1973
- Men and women in the armed forces from Collin County: McKinney, Texas [Texana]
- Metropolitan aerial surveys: Collin County, Texas [map], 1975
- NCCGS newsletter [periodical]: North Collin County Genealogical Society
- Newspaper articles by date [Texana]
- Newspaper obituaries, Collin County, Texas: compiled from the McKinney
- Courier-Gazette and the Democrat newspapers, 1884-1899, 1900-1909,
- 1910-1919, 1920-1929, 1930-1939. 1940-1949, 1950-1959
- The old farm home
- The one room school in Collin County, Texas [Texana]
- The people of Cottage Hill Cemetery
- Photographs from the Plano Star Courier [Texana, pictures]
- Plano: an illustrated chronicle
- Plano (Collin County, Texas) city directory, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1980, 1981
- Plano Mutual Cemetery
- Plano Mutual Cemetery and the Chambersville Cemetery, McKinney
- Plano quadrangle: Texas—Collin County [map]
- Plano Star Courier, 1912-1918 miscellaneous information [Texana]
- Plano, Texas: the early years
- Pleasant Grove Cemetery and foundation
- Police Records [microform]: Collin County, Texas, 1 roll
- Polk cross-reference directory for Collin County, Texas, 1996
- Probate minutes [microform]: Collin County, Texas, 7 rolls, #1289586-1289591, 1289604
- Prosper, Texas its history and families
- Records of Collin and Denton counties, Texas
- Records of Collin County, Texas
- Records of reconstruction days in Collin County, Texas
- Rockwall quadrangle: Texas [map]
- The Routh Cemetery legacy
- Tenant farming in Collin County, 1890-1920
- Texas takes [Texana]
- A town named Anna: a history of Anna, Collin County, Texas
- Union veterans and widows of Union veterans of the Civil War [microform]: Texas, 1890
- Reel 099-100
- Voter registration lists [microform], 12 rolls
- Walter B. Wilson papers, 1894-1941 [microform], 35 rolls
- The Weekly Democrat Gazette [microform], 1908-1909, 1909-1910
- Wylie quadrangle: Texas—Collin County. 1959, 1973



Education Opportunities

2004

April 8 - May 27, Genealogy II, Lynne M. Darrouzet, JD, CGRS will be teaching at Collin County Community College on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 9 pm

April 22-25, The Society for German-American Studies Annual Symposium will be held in New Ulm, Minnesota. Email jeckstein@newulmtel.net for more information.

May 19-22, The National Genealogical Society annual conference will be held in Sacramento, California, the website is coming soon at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/confnatl.htm>

June 4, Scottish Family History Symposium sponsored by the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games at LaQuinta Conference Center, Arlington, Texas—"Researching Your Scottish Ancestors from a Distance" David Webster of Scotland. For further information call 1-800-363-7268.

June 13-18, Institute on Genealogical and Historical Research, Sanford University, Birmingham, Alabama. More information available on courses, fees, housing, etc. <http://www.sanford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>.

July 12-Aug 30, Genealogy I, Lynne M. Darrouzet, JD, CGRS will be teaching at Collin County Community College on Monday nights from 6:30 - 9 pm.

July 11-16 The Genealogical Institute of Mid-America will hold its tenth annual study program in Springfield, Illinois. Details are available from the Institute Director, Ms. Susan Kaufman at kaufmansusan@juno.com

July 11-17 The National Institute on Genealogical Research will be held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Visit their website for more information - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin>

September 8-11 "Legends Live Forever - Researching the Past for Future Generations" FGS 2004 Conference will be held in Austin, Texas. Topics include oral history, writing your family story, using social history in genealogy, foreign research, immigration and naturalization, Texas and the southwest. The conference hotel will be the Hilton Conference Center. To sign up for the conference e-zine send a message to ezine@fgs.org. More information is available at the FGS web site <http://www.fgs.org>.

Gen Friends 3rd Annual Research Retreat

Mark your calendars. The 3rd Annual Research Retreat to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah will be January 30 to February 6, 2005. Research in the largest genealogy library in the United States with your colleagues. Assistance will be available from veteran researchers.

Watch our web site for more details http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl/retreat_slc.htm

History & Genealogy Web Site

Members of Genealogy Friends are contributing to a new web site—History and Genealogy for the Active Researcher located at <http://www.geocities.com/genfriendsghle>.

The goal is to expand the knowledge of those researching in Collin County and North Texas.

The site is under construction with new items being added frequently, check it out often.

New In The Library

- WWII Military Records: a Family Historian's Guide GEN 940.546773 KNO
- Genealogies of Barbados Families GEN 929.372981 BRA
- 500 Brickwall Solutions to Genealogy Problems GEN 929.1072 FIV
- Deciphering Gothic Records: Useful Hints for Helping You Read "Old German" Script
GEN 417.709 DEA
- Growing Up in Indian Territory: A Biography of John Henry Self GEN 929.2 SEL
- The Scottish Surnames of Colonial America GEN 929.42 DOB
- San Jacinto Descendants GEN 976.404 SAN 2003-05
- Scots in Poland, Russia, and the Baltic States, 1550-1850 GEN 929.3089163047 DOB
- Genealogy and Indexing RREF GEN 929.1028 GEN
- Generations, Vols. 1-6: Pedigree Charts GEN 929.3764531 GEN
- Tennessee settlers and Their Descendants: Genealogical Data About Some of the Men and Women Who Helped Shape the Volunteer State GEN 929.3768 TEN
- The Confederate States of America Roll of Honor: A Source Book for Genealogists and Historians
GEN 973.742 BOB
- Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants, Book 2 GEN 929.3768 TEN
- Texas Towns From Abner to Zipperlandville GEN 917.64003 BLE
- Living Family History: Creating a Multimedia Biography GEN 929.1 BEA

Newsletter Articles

Have you found an unusual record during your search? How did you solve that last really tough problem? Write an article and submit it to be published in the newsletter. Have you discovered a fantastic web site? Email it to Barbara Coakley at bjc1620@hotmail.com.

Book Exchange

Genealogy Friends would like to exchange Collin County books with books from other societies. If you have an area or society you would like us to try and exchange with, please contact Joy Gough at jfarrgo@comcast.net.

